

I strongly object to Sinclair Broadcasting using consolidated power to force their stations to air a John Kerry "smear piece" just prior to the upcoming presidential election.

The Sincliar dictum shows, more than ever, why media consolidation is a danger to democracy. When corporations control what comes by TV and radio (and the Internet) into our homes, we do not receive the facts we need to make sound judgments. What we need, instead of corporate feeds, are more voices from our own communities and factual information about substantive issues.

In short, we specifically don't want or need corporate spin in the information media: this forced bias is bad for the airwaves and it's bad for our voting citizens!

Corporations such as Sinclair who abuse the public trust -- granted them by our citizens, when the FCC approves individual station licenses -- need to receive a clear message that they cannot inject their own political spin (i.e., bias) into the public debate without consequences. The FCC should pressure Sinclair to rescind the recent propaganda dictum to their stations, and should revoke licenses of said stations, come renewal time.

In general, we need stronger ownership rules for all media. The public interest has been subverted by corporate takeover, and I for one will NOT stand for this as a citizen. Thank you.